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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Sumaiya A. Chowdhury

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/10/06 has been entered.

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boyer in view of Walker (6,263,505) and Alao (7017175).

As for claim 1, Boyer discloses an information processing apparatus comprising:

first acquisition means (receiver) for acquiring the first information (TV broadcast)  
– [0078], [0090], [0097], [0106];

first registration means (136 – Fig. 4) for registering the first subsidiary  
information required for acquiring said first information – (The welcome page (136)  
allows the user to register his zip code or city selection as shown in Fig. 8 in  
combination with registration page 162 – Fig. 9, such that the user could receive  
programming specific to one's area. – [0080], [0081], [0082], [0090], [0094]);

second acquisition means (receiver) for acquiring the second information (web  
content) – (It is an internet television [0053], [0055], [0057]);

second registration means (136 – Fig. 4) for registering the second subsidiary  
information required for acquiring said second information; - (The welcome page (136)  
allows the user to register his zip code or city selection as shown in Fig. 8 in  
combination with registration page 162 – Fig. 9, such that the user could receive  
programming specific to one's area. – [0080], [0081], [0082], [0090], [0094]);

verifying means (170 – Fig. 10) for verifying whether or not said first subsidiary  
information or said second subsidiary information has already been registered (If the  
user is registered, the local cable site page (170 – Fig. 10) is presented to the user and

the user could select programming specific to his particular area. If not registered, another web page will be presented to the user such as element 124 in Fig. 4 where the user will have to enter in his zip code to start receiving programming specific to his particular area— [0082], [0090]);

wherein said first registration means or said second registration means using, if one of said first subsidiary information and said second subsidiary information is already registered, said one subsidiary information already registered for registration of the other subsidiary information (Once the user registers oneself as discussed above, the system automatically registers for both the first information and second information since it is an internet television system as discussed above.).

Even though Boyer teaches acquiring information related to the information content, Boyer fails to teach:

wherein the first acquisition means and the second acquisition means acquire information via distinct terminals.

wherein subsidiary information content comprised of both first subsidiary information content and second subsidiary information content is stored in memory to be held after power down.

In an analogous art, Walker teaches acquiring data from various terminals such as a web site server (70 – Fig. 1) and CATV Headend (10 – Fig. 1) – col. 7, lines 18-35, lines 55-63, col. 8, lines 5-10. The advantage of doing so would be to reduce the

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processing and storing of content at just one terminal and to independently get data from separate sources.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to modify Boyer's invention to include wherein the first acquisition means and the second acquisition means acquire information via distinct terminals, as taught by Walker, for the advantage of reducing the processing and storing of content at just one terminal and to independently get data from separate sources.

However, Walker and Boyer fail to teach:

wherein subsidiary information content comprised of both first subsidiary information content and second subsidiary information content is stored in memory to be held after power down.

In an analogous art, Alao teaches user information is stored in the receiver even when the receiver is off, in order to enable proper viewer identification – col. 9, lines 50-60.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to modify Walker and Boyer's invention to include the above mentioned limitation, as taught by Alao, for the advantage of enabling proper viewer identification.

As for claim 2, Boyer, Walker, and Alao disclose the claimed limitations. In particular, Boyer discloses:

said first acquisition means acquires the contents of the television broadcast as said first information - [0078], [0090], [0097], [0106];

said second acquisition means acquiring web contents as said second information from a server (20 – Fig. 1) over the Internet (24 – Fig. 1) – [0053], [0055].

As for claim 3, Boyer, Walker, and Alao disclose the claimed limitations. In particular, Boyer discloses said subsidiary information (zip code, city name) is the information pertinent to the broadcast territories for setting the reception channel in said television broadcast – [0078], [0080], [0081], [0082];

said second subsidiary information being the information pertinent to a provider (local cable system operator) for connection to said Internet – [0078], [0081], [0082].

Claims 4 and 5 contain the limitations of claim 1 and are analyzed as previously discussed with respect to those claims.

### ***Conclusion***

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sumaiya A. Chowdhury whose telephone number is (571) 272-8567. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 9-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Grant can be reached on (571) 272-7292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Grant', is positioned above the printed name and title.

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